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£6m facelift around Abbey Wood station

AREAS around the new Crossrail station at Abbey Wood are set to benefit from a £6m makeover.

The money will cover landscaping and other improvements around the station and nearby roads.

More than £2 million of the total is extra funding from Transport for London (TfL) after a successful joint bid by Royal Greenwich and Bexley Councils.

It will be used to pay for major improvements to the area immediately around the new station, as part of the wider regeneration of Abbey Wood. This includes more than 200 new homes, and a new hotel, supermarket and public square. There will also be a new library, equipped with IT and other facilities for the community.

The new station, now being built, is due to open in 2018. It will speed journeys into London and beyond

and local people will be able to get into central London in just 20 minutes.

The cash will pay for improvements such as new and better pavements on Harrow Manor Way, and cycle lanes leading towards the station entrance area.

Parts of Felixstowe Road and Gayton Road close to the station will get new paving, parking for disabled users, short-stay parking, and drop-off points. Cycle parking will also be provided, along with new benches and newly-planted trees. The work will carry on up to 2018 and is due to be completed by the time the new station opens.

Cllr Danny Thorpe, the council's cabinet member for regeneration and transport said: "This is a very significant injection of cash into the Abbey Wood area and is great news for local people planning

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Help us to make Greenwich greener

WE are writing to inform you about the deteriorating situation regarding litter in our local area. This term in school we went on a litter pick in the streets surrounding our school. When we got back, we emptied out our rubbish bags and we saw how easy it can be for vast amounts of rubbish to form so quickly. Whilst on the litter pick, our class counted how much gum there was along just one road (Pound Park Road, Charlton). We found that there were 362 pieces on one path. The weight of the rubbish we collected in 30 minutes was approximately 10kg. We also estimated that around 70-80% of the collected waste could have been recycled. Did you know that we currently only recycle around 30% of waste, when 70% can be recycled or reused?

This litter is also destroying habitats for

animals and if we carry on like this, the animals won't have anywhere to live and will eventually become extinct. Did you know that approximately one million birds die each year because of ingesting toxic plastics?

The majority of Greenwich residents do pick up their litter and recycle, but we are appealing to the minority of people who don't. If we all put in the effort, our local area would be a much more enjoyable place to live in. We want to be proud of our royal borough and for that to happen we would like people to spread the word so that fewer people litter. Help us to make Greenwich greener! Think before you throw rubbish away: can it be recycled?

Morgan Cerasoli, Year 6 ambassador on behalf of Year 6, Thorntree Primary School
● A royal borough spokesperson said:

"Thanks for your letter Year 6 as well as your concern for the environment and your efforts in litter picking your local area. You may be interested in our Junior Environment Champions programme recently launched at Plumcroft Primary School. It's a flexible programme that schools can use to plan their own ways of caring for the environment. We can loan litter picking equipment and our Town Centre Wardens can visit your school to talk about litter, its impact on the environment and the penalties involved if a member of the public is caught littering. Your parents can also become involved by joining the Environment Champions Scheme, members of this scheme can organise clean-ups and help us to keep your neighbourhood tidy with litter picking and anti-graffiti kits. For more information email Cleaner@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or telephone 020 8921 6157.

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ALAN COOMES, from Lee: 'Over the summer I took a shot of Lord Nelson keeping an eye on Canary Wharf.'

ROYAL BOROUGH MEETINGS

THE following meetings take place at the Town Hall, Wellington Street, unless stated otherwise.

December 3 - Licensing sub committee A, 5pm, committee room 6

Woolwich Riverside Local Housing Panel, 7pm, committee room 5

December 4 - Children's Trust Board, 9.30am, committee room 6

December 8 - Avery Hill & Coldharbour Local Housing Panel, 7pm, Avery Hill Christian Fellowship Hall, South Spring

December 9 - Healthier Communities & Older People's Scrutiny Panel, 6.30pm, committee room 4

December 10 - Cabinet, 7pm, committee room 4 and 5.

Boroughwide Housing Panel networking event, 7pm, Earl of Chatham, Thomas St, Woolwich

West Greenwich Housing Panel, 7pm, Jubilee Hall, Woolwich Court, Blissett.

December 11 - Licensing sub committee B, 6pm, committee room 6
Safer & Stronger communities scrutiny panel, 7pm, committee room 4

Glyndon & West Plumstead local housing panel, 7pm, Glyndon Community Centre, Raglan Road, Woolwich.

December 15 - Planning board, 6.30pm, committee rooms 4&5

December 16 - Overview and Scrutiny, 7pm, Committee Room 5

Eltham Local Housing panel, 7pm, St Mary's Community Centre, Eltham

December 17 - Council, council chamber

December 18 - Licensing sub committee B, 5pm, Committee Room 6

More information on 020 8921 5130 or at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/meetings

All meeting dates and times are subject to change.

We would advise you to check before you travel.

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Maritime Greenwich in the spotlight for festive celebrations



Gardens glow

LOCALS and visitors were treated to an early Christmas carnival in Cutty Sark Gardens last Friday. Greenwich Christmas tree lights were switched on by the

mayor Cllr Mick Hayes before scores of people who enjoyed live entertainment, a free Santa's grotto, a funfair, play bus and festive market.

MEN IN RED: revellers meet Santa and the mayor Cllr Mick Hayes in Cutty Sark Gardens where the town centre Christmas tree takes pride of place, right.



Award for safety campaign

A SUCCESSFUL clampdown on kerb crawling and street prostitution in Plumstead has won a top award for borough police and the council.

They were presented with a silver award in the Safer Communities category at a New Scotland Yard awards ceremony, hosted by Met police chief Sir Bernard-Hogan-Howe on November 24.

It followed a campaign targeted on Church Manor Way in Plumstead, which involved treating sex workers as victims, supporting and encouraging them to give up prostitution, while the police tackled kerb crawlers and drug dealers coming to the area. It led to the arrest of 29 men for kerb crawling, with 14 gang members sentenced to a total of 30 years in prison between them for drug dealing. One man later received 13 years in prison after being convicted of rape.

The awards, called the London Problem Orientated Partnership (POP) Awards, is an annual ceremony that celebrates innovative and effective partnership working between local authorities and the police to tackle the causes of crime in a

local area.

The judging panel was made up of representatives from the Met, the London Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), the London Councils organisation, and Transport for London.

The silver award was received by council community safety officers and members of the Plumstead Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Cllr Jackie Smith, the council's cabinet member for community safety and environment, said: "I would like to congratulate all those involved in helping to win this prestigious award. Prostitution is far too complex an issue to solve overnight. What we did achieve was to ensure that the residents of Church Manor Way were not blighted by the kerb crawling, drug dealing and drug use that this kind of activity brings with it. Taking a different approach with the women afforded us the opportunity to engage with them about their own safety and educate them about the variety of services available to them and to encourage them to change what they do."

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£6m station upgrade

to use the new Crossrail station to get into London. Bringing Crossrail here is absolutely fundamental to our borough's regeneration – and this demonstrates how the area around the station will also benefit from a major facelift."

Council leader Denise Hyland added: "The Abbey Wood station design is one of the most exciting on the

entire Crossrail network and with these impressive public improvements around the station, the area will look very attractive.

"All of these improvements go towards attracting new investment and new jobs to the area. These are exciting times for Abbey Wood and the borough as a whole. It's also been great to work in partnership with our

neighbours in Bexley on this bid – Abbey Wood crosses into both boroughs and it's been very constructive to work on a successful bid which will benefit residents from both boroughs."

The £6 million improvements package is made up of contributions from TfL, Network Rail, and the boroughs of Bexley and Royal Greenwich.

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Hospice needs phone support

THE Greenwich and Bexley Community is recruiting volunteers to assist with its Telephone Bereavement Service (TBS) during evenings and weekends. The service was launched in 2011 to support family and friends of those who have died under the care of the hospice. The TBS has helped over 2,300 people in the past three years. It does not provide counselling but instead empowers bereaved people using the service by offering information and reassurance.

To find out more, please contact the volunteers department of the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice on 020 8320 5812 or by email at vanessahill@gbchc.org.uk. Open meetings for volunteers are being held at the hospice at 185 Bostall Hill, Abbey Wood, SE20GB on December 11 and January 6. More information at www.communityhospice.org.uk



AT THE HELM: left, Frankie, Jessica and Dylan at the wheel with The Mayor Cllr Mick Hayes, above, toddlers enjoy a show, below, Aimee, Frankie, Haylee and the Mayor explore a display map on board the ship

THE UPPER TRIBUNAL (LANDS CHAMBER)
RESTRICTIVE COVENANT APPLICATION: PUBLICITY NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application under section 84 of the Law of Property Act 1925 to discharge or modify a restrictive covenant affecting the land referred to below has been made to the Tribunal. If you are legally entitled to the benefit of the covenant and you wish to object to the application, you should object within 1 month of the date of this notice.

The application relates to land at 106 Flower Way, Blackheath, London SE3 9AN.

The applicant is Dorell Limited of 91 Shooters Hill Road, Blackheath, London SE3 7HU.

The covenant, contained in a conveyance dated 5 November 1956 made between John Cator (Vendor), William Abernethy Fellowes and Francis Cator (The Trustees), and The Prince Forbes Pension Fund Trustees Limited (Purchaser) in respect of which the application is made contains the following restriction:

"The Purchaser HEREBY COVENANTS for itself and its successors in title with the vendor and so that the covenant shall so far as practicable be enforceable by the owner or owners for the time being of the property now comprised in and known as the Cator Estate at Blackheath or any part or parts thereof that the purchaser and its successors in title will at all times hereafter observe and perform the stipulations and regulations contained in the first schedule hereto PROVIDED ALWAYS that it shall be lawful for the vendor (which expression shall be taken to include the estate owner or owners for the time being of the property for the time being remaining subject to the trusts of the present settlement or any future re-settlement of the Cator Estate at Blackheath) to make a conveyance of any other part or parts of the said Estate in a different form and in particular subject to different stipulations and regulations and further from time to time to release any property which has already been sold from all or any of the stipulations or regulations to which it is now subject."

The first schedule which includes the following provisions:

"The property hereby conveyed shall not be used for any purpose other than as a Sports Ground or for the erection of detached houses for use as private residence only such buildings to be erected in such position and in accordance with such plans as shall first be submitted to and approved at the purchaser's expense by the Vendor's surveyor as aforesaid."

The application seeks the discharge of the restriction on the following grounds:

(a) that the restriction ought to be deemed obsolete;

(b) that unless discharged the covenant would impede the use of the land as residential homes including detached houses, terraced houses and apartments to be constructed in accordance with public policy and in accordance with the planning permission under reference 14V1585/F that the Royal Borough of Greenwich consented to grant on the 30 September 2014; that such use is a reasonable use that in imposing that use the restriction does not secure to the persons entitled to the benefit of it any practical benefits of substantial value or advantage and that money will be an adequate compensation for the loss or disadvantage (if any) which any such person will suffer from the discharge;

(c) that the proposed discharge will not injure the persons entitled to the benefit of the restriction.

Alternatively, the application seeks the modification of the restriction so as to permit use of the land as residential homes including detached houses, terraced houses and apartments to be constructed in accordance with public policy and in accordance with the planning permission under reference 14V1585/F that the Royal Borough of Greenwich consented to grant on the 30 September 2014. Modification is sought on the following grounds:

(a) that the restriction ought to be deemed obsolete;

(b) that unless modified the covenant would impede the use of the land as residential homes including detached houses, terraced houses and apartments to be constructed in accordance with public policy and in accordance with the planning permission under reference 14V1585/F that the Royal Borough of Greenwich consented to grant on the 30 September 2014; that such use is a reasonable use that in imposing that use the restriction does not secure to the persons entitled to the benefit of it any practical benefits of substantial value or advantage and that money will be an adequate compensation for the loss or disadvantage (if any) which any such person will suffer from the modification;

(c) that the proposed modification will not injure the persons entitled to the benefit of the restriction.

You may inspect the application, plan and other documents at The Library, 17 Old Dover Road, Blackheath, London SE3 7BT during the hours of 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday but excluding bank holidays by prior appointment. Appointments can be made by telephoning the Applicant on 0208 853 2710. A copying charge may be payable if copies are required.

If you are a person legally entitled to the benefit of the restrictive covenant and you wish to object to the application, you may download a Notice of Objection form from the Lands Chamber website or contact The Registrar, Lands Chamber, 5th Floor, Rols Buildings, Peter Lane, London EC4A 1HL for telephone 020 1612 9718 and ask for a form of objection (Form LPE1). The form should be completed and signed and sent to the Tribunal and to the applicant(s) or, if they are represented, their solicitors within 1 month of the date of this notice. You may apply for an extension of this time period.

Persons who file objections become parties to the case, and, provided they are entitled to object, they may appear at the hearing of the application. If there is one, Objection to an application is the assertion of a property right. The Applicant will be asked whether it accepts that the person giving notice of objection is entitled to the benefit of the restriction of which discharge or modification is sought. If it does not accept this, it will be for the Tribunal to determine whether or not the objector appears to be so entitled and should therefore be admitted to oppose the application. If such a determination has to be made the general rule is that the unsuccessful party will pay the costs of the party in whose favour the determination is made.

Regarding the application to discharge or modify a restrictive covenant, when there is a person or people entitled to its benefit the applicant is seeking to have a property right removed from them. For this reason, successful objectors may normally expect to have their legal costs paid by the unsuccessful applicant. Likewise, although they will usually pay their own costs, unsuccessful objectors will not normally be ordered to pay the costs of successful applicants. Only an objector who acts unreasonably may be required to pay some or all of the applicant's costs.

The applicant may rely on a lack of objections, or a failure on the part of any particular person to object, in support of the application.

If you are unsure of your position you should seek legal advice.

Signed *J. H. H. H.* Dated: 2 December 2014

Applicant's Solicitor: Terence Macey
Address: 91, Shooters Hill Road, Blackheath, London SE3 7HU
Telephone No: 020 8853 2718

PUPILS from Sherington Primary School in Charlton got to be captains of the Cutty Sark last week (Nov 26). They took part in Kids in Museums Takeover Day at the tourist attraction which coincided with the iconic tea clipper's 145th birthday. Year 6 pupils became learning officers and hosted a fun-filled day for toddlers, babies, and their parents and carers.

Takeover Day is a celebration of children and young people's contribution to museums, galleries and heritage sites. It's a day on which they are given meaningful roles,

working alongside staff and volunteers to participate in the life of the museum.

The fantastic team of 10 and 11-year-olds ran the events including storytelling,

toys and workshops, and collected visitors' thoughts and feedback throughout the day.

● Visit www.rmg.gov.uk/cuttysark



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Museum mates

Pupils turn tour guides for a day



PINTSIZED GUIDES: Above, Invicta curators dressed up in front of their column structure which is based on the same as the British Museum. Right, Mum Mihaela Ardeleanu is greeted by Year 1's Alfie Hobin-Burston as her son, Aidan, Y2, poses in the Captain photo booth.



CHILDREN at Invicta Primary School dressed up to become museum curators to show parents around when the school organised a 'pop-up' museum.

It followed a 'time travellers' project involving all the children, designed to log the history of the Blackheath school. The current building is due to be demolished soon, with work on a new one due to begin in February.

Each of the classes took on

different parts of the project. Year 4 made a re-enactment of a Roman film, while Year 2 worked with architects to design a school for the future and look at the Invicta building, past and present. Year 1 studied Admiral Lord Nelson and created a 'Nelson Experience' for the museum.

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No let up for fraudster

Sub-letting council flat costs tenant £44,000

by Dick Townsend-Smith

A FORMER council tenant has been ordered to pay back £44,000 to the royal borough after she sublet her Woolwich flat – for six years.

Mental health support worker Elizabeth Agboola, 48, left her one-bedroom council flat in Edge Hill in 2006, and moved into a house in Dagenham, Essex, which she had bought with her partner. She then sublet the flat.

The council's Internal Audit and Anti-Fraud team went to her Edge Hill flat and found she was making a profit by charging a higher rent to her tenants than she was paying to the council.

The council repossessed the property through a court order. In a criminal prosecution before Bexley Magistrates Agboola pleaded guilty that she failed to declare she had left the flat, under the Fraud Act.

The case was passed to Woolwich Crown Court for sentencing, and on November 21 Recorder Avik Mukherjee gave her a 12-month suspended prison sentence, and ordered her to carry out 100 hours unpaid community work.

The council also asked for £42,138 for the costs it had incurred in providing emergency accommodation for people who could have used Agboola's flat. They

also asked to be paid the £1,973 profit that Agboola had made from renting it out.

The Recorder ordered Agboola to repay £44,111 to the council within the next 12 months, saying: "This was a deliberate and prolonged fraud with intent to make money for yourself, without thought for others who could have been housed in this property."

Cllr Chris Kirby, the council's cabinet member for housing, said: "When a tenant vacates a property and then sublets it to others, they are guilty of housing fraud. They are depriving families or individuals on the waiting list of desperately needed accommodation. This is a selfish crime."

"In this particular case Ms Agboola did just that. In a time of need the royal borough accommodated her until she was able to afford her own house. But rather than return her property for others to use, she sublet it and began to make a profit from it. This deceitful act has cost the taxpayers of Greenwich over £40,000 and I am pleased to hear that not only was she caught and given a criminal record, but she now has to repay the full £44,111 to the royal borough."

"This is another example of the excellent work that officers undertake within the royal borough and this case will hopefully be read by those that are currently defrauding us of much-needed accommodation or who are thinking of instigating such a selfish act."

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LOVELY JABBY:
Mayor of Royal Greenwich, Cllr Mick Hayes gets his flu jab

Shot in the arm for flu campaign

THE campaign to encourage residents to get flu safe for winter received a shot in the arm this week – from the Mayor of Royal Greenwich, Cllr Mick Hayes, who popped into a Greenwich clinic this week to have his jab.

The Mayor, who at 66, is in one of the age groups being targeted by the campaign, received his jab from Dr Ellen Wright, Clinical Chair of NHS Greenwich Clinical Commissioning Group, at the Vanbrugh Hill Health Centre, Greenwich, where she has a surgery.

The Mayor told GT: "It was a very quick process, all over in just a moment. To know that this simple jab has made me flu-safe for the winter is incredibly

reassuring – and with the process such an easy one, I would encourage everyone who is in one of the target groups to go and have their jab right away."

Groups particularly being targeted by the campaign are those considered at greatest risk from the effects of flu – including everyone aged 65 years or over, everyone living in a long stay residential care or nursing home, some carers and health or social care workers, anyone with a serious long term health condition and all pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy.

To arrange for a flu jab, contact your GP or visit a local pharmacy.

● To find your nearest GP surgery visit www.greenwichccg.nhs.uk/Local-Services/GPs

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Painted Hall's £7m restoration boost

CONSERVATION work on the historic painted hall of the Old Royal Naval College is set to be completed thanks to funding from The Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Painted Hall is the largest continuous painted surface in the UK stretching over 4,250 square metres, and now Sir James Thornhill's masterpiece that took 19 years to paint is set to be restored so it can be enjoyed for years to come as the next phase of conservation has been given the go-ahead.

The Heritage Lottery Fund announced that it has earmarked funding of £2.77 million, including a development grant of £98,800, to The Greenwich Foundation towards its £7m scheme to complete the work. The second phase of conservation at the Old Royal Naval College building will include cleaning and restoring 3,700 square metres of painted wall surface including the great ceiling in the lower Hall, removing layers of dirt and varnish to unlock the colour and vibrancy of the paintings.

Sue Bowers, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund for London, said: "This Baroque masterpiece is one of the lesser-known treasures at the heart of the Greenwich World Heritage Site. HLF funded the first stage of restoration works and we are now delighted to support plans to complete the project."

"This is absolutely wonderful news," said Brendan McCarthy, Chief Executive of the Greenwich Foundation. "Ever since the first phase of conservation was completed, we've been looking forward to restoring the rest of the Painted Hall and



CONSERVATION: Sue Bowers of the Heritage Lottery Fund and Brendan McCarthy admire the Painted Hall

the Heritage Lottery Fund stage 1 pass has taken us a long way towards that, although much fundraising remains to be done. The second phase of the Painted Hall conservation will transform the experience of visiting this remarkable painted interior, and people can also be part of the exciting project by helping us to reach our £7m target."

The Painted Hall will be under scaffolding for around two years after the start of works, however the public will still have access to the Hall, including on the scaffolding itself. Visitors, including wheelchair users, will be able to get close up to the painted surfaces and watch conservators at work. Work is expected to be completed by summer 2018 with the overall project completed the following year.

● For further details about the Painted Hall conservation and how to support the appeal visit www.ornc.org/support/current/conserv-the-painted-hall

New on the menu

by Dick Townsend-Smith

Borough adopts new food hygiene ratings

PEOPLE planning to go out for a meal in the run-up to Christmas are being urged to check the restaurant or café's food hygiene rating.

The advice is "look before you book" to avoid risking stomach upsets or even food poisoning.

This is the first Christmas since Royal Greenwich joined a new national scheme run by the Food Standards Agency.

It means people can make like-for-like comparisons on food hygiene ratings with eateries in other parts of London and the rest of the country.

Previously, the council operated its own scheme. The new scheme's score runs from zero to five, but only when the score hits 'three' is it considered generally satisfactory.

A zero means urgent improvements are needed, a 'one' means major improvements are necessary, and a 'two' says minor improvements are required. A score of four means the hygiene is good, and five means it is very good.

Businesses are able to display a window sticker showing their rating and the rating is published online so diners can check whilst on the move. At the moment, all hot food businesses in Woolwich which have gained five-stars are displaying a window sticker. Others are being encouraged by the council to display their stickers, even if they do not have the highest score.



The council has been working with food businesses throughout the borough and many businesses have been asking the council for extra help and follow-up visits to help them improve their score.

Alpay Memish, runs the Royal Grill Café in Old Dover Road at the Blackheath Standard.

He said: "I went to the council and asked for advice and my staff have now done some training. Part of the rating deals with storage space, so we had a

good tidy up and created more space. "Our rating has now gone from one to five. It's nice to have a good rating for when more people start paying attention to it."

Cllr Jackie Smith, the council's cabinet member for community safety and environment, said: "Telling people about hygiene standards enables them to make informed choices about where to eat out or shop for food, and is a very effective way of improving public health protection."

"The 0-5 ratings makes it consistent for people who operate food businesses and their customers, with the overall aim of driving up food hygiene standards."

● **For more information, food businesses should go to www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/food-hygiene**
You can check a café or restaurant's ratings online at the Food Standards Agency website at www.food.gov.uk/ratings or you can simply ask to see its green and black sticker.

Double vision for charity drive

AWARD-winning opticians are taking part in two fundraising drives for Cancer Research on Saturday, December 6.

A six-strong team from Page & Small is running in the Great Christmas Pudding Race in Covent Garden while staff at the Charlton store host a cake sale.

The fancy dress runners will race around inflatable obstacles in Covent Garden carrying xmas puds. Back at 213 Charlton Road, customers can buy cakes, biscuits and enjoy mulled wine as well as entering a prize raffle which includes lenses worth £500. The event runs from 9.30am to 2pm. The family firm, established in 1983, is run by Ray and Christine Small and daughter Abi Page. Last month Christine won the Optical Assistant of the Year award presented by the Association of Optometrists in recognition of her services to optics.

Council Tax fraudster caught

A WOMAN who falsely claimed single persons council tax has been found out by fraud investigators.

It followed a man's visit to the Woolwich Centre on an unrelated matter concerning the Blackheath address where she claimed to live alone.

An investigation was launched by council fraud investigators after the man said he lived there with his wife.

Enquiries identified that the landlord of the property was Abimbola Ogunleye - a 46-year-old student from Beckenham. However, she was receiving a reduction of 25% off the Council Tax charge for the Greenwich property after claiming she lived there alone.

As a result of her fraudulent declaration, council officers interviewed Ms Ogunleye in February this year and she admitted that she had not been living at the Blackheath address and that it was currently rented to tenants.

When she appeared before Bexley Magistrates last month, the court heard

her false claim had resulted in a Council Tax reduction of £888.14 between February 2011 and March 2014.

Ms Ogunleye pleaded guilty to one offence under the Fraud Act 2006 on November 17.

The Judge took account of her early guilty plea and sentenced her to a 12 month community order and 60 hours unpaid for the community. She was ordered to pay £300 to cover the council's costs and is now also repaying the defrauded amount of £888.14 to the Council Tax section.

A Royal Borough of Greenwich spokesperson said: "The royal borough is reliant on the revenue it receives from the Council Tax. It is vital that the royal borough protects every part of its income to ensure it can deliver these services."

"I hope it will be a warning to others that we will consider all options including prosecution to recover amounts claimed fraudulently."

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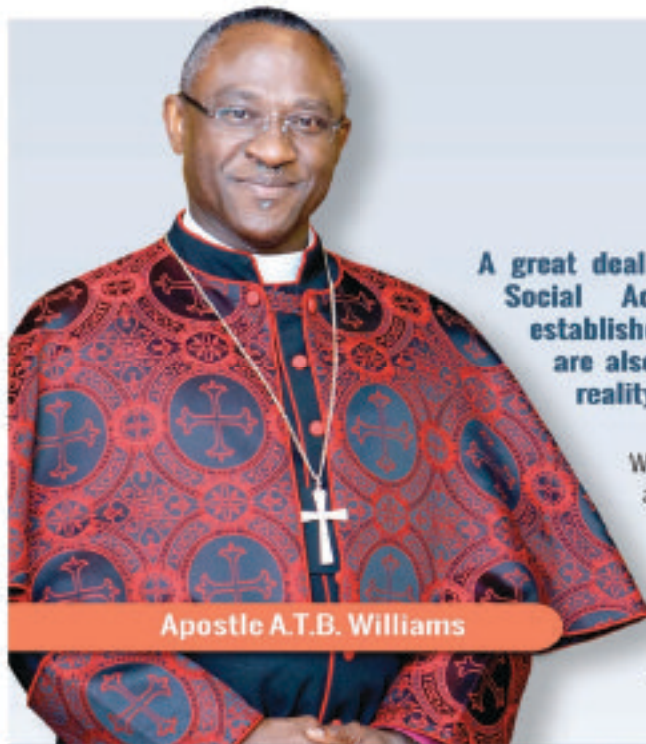
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Zone in on new parking controls

RESIDENTS and businesses are being asked to comment on plans to extend parking controls in Eltham.

The council is consulting on proposals to improve parking arrangements in the area after feedback from local people. It has drawn up plans to try to deter commuter parking by introducing parking controls in some streets (see below) which don't currently have them.

The proposals follow a survey last year where local people and businesses were asked for their views on parking controls.

The plans reflect the majority view of people in individual roads as to whether they want new parking controls in their street. Draft plans suggest adding some new streets to the existing Controlled Parking Zones 'E' and 'EC' – which cover areas around the town centre.

Proposals also suggests changes to parking controls on streets which are already in a parking zone, mainly changing some free bays to permit holder only to try to deter nuisance parking.

Cllr Danny Thorpe, the cabinet member

for regeneration and transport said: "What's important is that local people and businesses have helped shape these proposals. The new streets we're suggesting adding into the parking zones are those where a majority of people have said they want this.

"We know that problem parking in Eltham has become a big concern to local people which is why we've listened and taken action. We now want to hear what people in Eltham think about these proposals so please do take the time to go to see them at the Eltham Centre or take a look online."

The consultation runs until Friday January 23.

● **From Thursday (December 4) anyone can view the new proposals at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/elthamcpz but only residents and businesses within the consultation zone are eligible to respond. They will be sent a set of consultation documents through the post with a unique reference number to use if they wish to respond online.**

Streets proposed for a possible CPZ extension

Prince Rupert Road (SW of Congreve Rd); Well Hall Road (N of Prince Rupert Rd); Glenlea Road; Glenlyon Road; Glenshiel Road; Westmount Road (N of Gourock Rd); Carnecke Gardens; Eltham Hill - North; Lilburne Road and Gardens; Prince John Road; Yolane Gardens; Court Yard (inc Orchard House Chaundrye Close & Weathersfield Court); Greenacres; Kings Orchard; North Park (inc Wolsey Court); Wythfield Road (inc Ruskin & Palace Court).

Superfast wi-fi at Greenwich Heritage centre

VISITORS can now access free broadband at the Heritage Centre thanks to a grant from the Department of Culture, Media & Sport. The Heritage Centre on the Royal Arsenal is one of a 1000 buildings in UK cities to get the free public wi-fi as part of the Super Connected Cities programme.

It was one of the first to go live earlier this month and many more museums, libraries, sports centres and other buildings across the UK are on track to be up and running by March 2015.

Visitors can request a password from reception staff or staff in the archive to get on line superfast. The Heritage Centre is open Tuesday to Saturday 9-5.

In the run up to Christmas the museum is hosting free festive craft sessions for children and their families on December 20, 10am-12 and 2pm-4pm.

● **For more information visit www.greenwichheritage.org**

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Parents request classroom assistant course

by Dan Stephens

TRAINEE classroom assistants have all been given an A for effort after passing their courses with flying colours.

Free teaching assistant training and career support for almost 50 people was provided by the royal borough. The 14-week courses for the NVQ Level 2 qualification were run in response to requests from parents who used royal borough's children's centres.

And last month, Cllr John Fahy, the cabinet member for children's services, attended their graduation event at Glyndon Children's Centre to see the successful trainees receive their qualification.

The training courses were set up at three children's centres - Slade, Rachel McMillan and Greenacres. It followed feedback from parents who were asked about their ambitions and aspirations regarding employment.

It emerged that the role of a teaching assistant is a popular option for parents with childcare commitments who are keen to work as it mirrors school hours.

Forty-eight parents completed the training course, which also included support from GLLaB, the borough's Local Labour and Business Service which provided CV guidance and help with job searches.

Of the parents that gained the NVQ qualification, 10 are now in work and 18 are in further education - including Teaching Assistant level 3 training at Glyndon Children's Centre, which began last month. Other trainees are continuing to receive support to find jobs.

Qualified TA Leon Foster-Connikie, said: "I had been considering working in education for a long time but I wasn't able to overcome the hurdles of going to

Teach us pet!



college or university. Having the course at the children's centre was ideal as it worked well around my family commitments."

Toni Palmer, another parent who recently gained NVQ qualification said: "This course has given me the confidence and skills to get a job. I am now employed as a Teaching Assistant within Greenwich and also currently working towards the NVQ Level 3 qualification all thanks to the support from the royal borough."

Cllr Sizwe James, the royal borough's cabinet member for business, employment and skills, told GT: "I must congratulate the parents who worked hard to gain

WELL DONE: newly qualified teaching assistants show off their certificates

their NVQ qualification. Completing this training will help them develop the careers they are specifically interested in, and the nature of being a teaching assistance means it is possible to work and also fulfil childcare commitments.

"We are committed to continuing to help parents develop their careers in this way going into the future".

● **Details on the borough's childrens centres at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/childrenscentres**

Cash windfall for riding for disabled centre

THE New Lodge Riding Centre in Nottingham Lane, Eltham, has been awarded a £3,000 cash windfall.

It has come from the Lloyds Bank Community Fund scheme, after the public voted for it in a ballot.

New Lodge RDA is a small Riding for the Disabled group and has been providing horse riding for adults and children with disabilities and special needs for the past 30 years. Hilary Crawford, the group's organiser and instructor, said the award would make a big difference and ensure it would be able to continue to offer up-to-date facilities for disabled riders and their families.

She said: "We have 13 horses here and 50 regular riders, who are mostly children. We also have volunteer helpers including 15 schoolchildren, and retired people who help as well. We will use the money to update our facilities.

"We work with people across the spectrum of disabilities, age and social status. We try to ensure that each individual has the opportunity to achieve their personal goals, and chance to experience a direct therapeutic benefit through horse riding. We have up to 80 riders each week.

"Winning this grant will enable us to immediately start upgrading our facilities, the priority of which is getting the sand-school resurfaced. This will give a better, safer riding surface for both riders and horses and ensure that we continue throughout the winter."

GREENWICH PENINSULA PUBLIC EXHIBITION

In 2004 planning permission was granted for the Greenwich Peninsula masterplan. Since then, much has changed. Knight Dragon, the master developers of Greenwich Peninsula are revising the 2004 masterplan. The exhibition will provide the opportunity to view the emerging vision.

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Heroes of the

HUNDREDS of independent shops and cafes are set to show customers what they have to offer for Small Business Saturday on December 6.



Special day to get the personal touch

Small Business Saturday is the national celebration of everything that can give smaller businesses the edge over the big high street names.

Whether it's personal service, expert knowledge or simply being just round the corner, small independents are a good first choice as the place to shop say traders.

Many are marking the day with special offers, discounts and competitions, along with a friendly welcome.

In Eltham Arcade, many traders got together for a Greenwich Time photoshoot and to talk about their plans. Jag Gadhra from Avery Truman, the town's oldest shop, said: "We are working on our Christmas promotions and our plans to distribute discount vouchers. Saturday is all about the personal service we provide and the personal touch, and about keeping small local businesses going."

In Greenwich, the festive season means an exciting new range for Heaps Sausages in Nevada Street, including pork-and-chestnut and venison-and-wild-mushroom specials. Partner Enzo Carbonara said: "We want to encourage Small Business Saturday, and I'm urging people to support the small shops where they live. It means they will get a good deal and the shops will be able to get more regular customers."

In Woolwich, small business owners met at the Koffees and Kream café in Calderwood Street to discuss their plans. Café owner Raif Hassan said: "Woolwich is an up-and-coming area. I've been in the town for 25 years, and I've seen what it was, and where it's going. The town needs businesses like ours to encourage people to spend their money here. But local businesses need local support. Small Business Saturday helps build up relationships with the shops, and we need to keep the local community shopping locally. We want more blue chip companies

to open up and then people will stay here because it has everything they need."

The newly-opened Woolwich Equitable pub in General Gordon Square is taking direct action to support other small businesses. General manager Ian Stretch said: "We buy local meat and veg from the smaller shops because we cook everything to order and we need to cook it fresh and the quality is better. This helps keep small local businesses running. We want to help the area as a whole, and if the local businesses pull together, we can stimulate the local economy."

Cllr Sizwe James, the council's cabinet member for business, employment and skills, said: "Small Business Saturday is an excellent way to promote the advantages of shopping locally and supporting local businesses. Saturday's event gives all kinds of independent High Street businesses a unique opportunity to meet new customers and win them over with friendly and personal service, ensuring they continue to shop locally."

MEAT TREAT:
creative Enzo Carbonara from Heaps Sausages



FLOWER POWER:
creative director Yesim Mehmet outside The English Flowerhouse in Greenwich

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AT YOUR SERVICE: l-r, Hung The Nguyen from Helen's Nail Fashions; staff at the Woolwich Express Dry Cleaners; Raif Hassan and staff at Koffees and Kream

High street

SBS offers

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their coffee shop

Shopping local helps to create jobs

ELTHAM'S MP Clive Efford was due to host a business forum yesterday evening (Monday) at Greenwich University's Mansion site in Eltham, in the run-up to Small Business Saturday. He said: "There is no doubt that small and independent businesses in this part of London make a vital contribution to our community, add to the character of the town and are a source of local jobs."

TRADING PLACES:
above, shop and business owners gather at Eltham Arcade to promote their festive wares, right, the arcade has a range of outlets



Traders' offers

Watch out for the blue Small Business Saturday posters in shop windows or visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/smallbusinesssaturday



King's Troop to parade at village day

SIXTY horses and 20 troopers from the Woolwich-based The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery will be parading through Blackheath at 11am on Saturday morning (December 6) to signal the opening of the Blackheath Village Day. Attractions include Santa's Grotto, a children's lantern parade and fairground rides, the Blackheath Morris Dancers, and musicians and choirs. The lights will be switched on at 4.30pm by local resident and LBC Breakfast Show host Nick Ferrari and Greenwich's deputy mayor, Cllr Norman Adams.



MEALS WITH SMILES: left, Peter Phan, Natalie Le and Thao Nguyen from Viet Baguette, above, Vishal Pamang with Jurgita Minelgaite and Daniela Pinto at the Coffee Lounge

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CHILDS' PLAY: William, Esme and Teddy on a Christmas adventure at Greenwich Theatre

Festive shows for children

YOUNGER children can enjoy a festive production especially for them as Greenwich Theatre hosts seven weeks of family holiday entertainment.

Little ones who are not quite ready for the boisterous excitement of pantomime have the perfect alternative in a living room adventure performed in the intimate atmosphere of the theatre's pop-up studio downstairs. 'The Holdalls' Christmas Adventure' for three-year-olds and upwards runs twice a day from Friday, December 5, to Christmas Eve.

"The show is performed in a living room and has a great nostalgic and warm feel to it and, like panto, the young audience will be right there with the story," said 26-year-old director Javan Hughes, who lives in Charlton and created the concept of the show.

"It's about two children, brother and sister William and Esme Holdall, who invite the audience into their front room to watch their show, the same as children have done for their families down the years."

The show is a joint production between the theatre and Gomito Productions, the first group taken on by Greenwich as an associate company four years ago.

James Haddrell, the theatre's executive and artistic director, said: "Our pantomime has become such a big thing, but we've realised it can be a little intimidating for the youngest children. So we looked for something shorter and a bit more intimate for families with three, four and five-year-olds."

The Holdalls' Christmas Adventure runs Friday, Dec 5, to Wed, Dec 24. Ticket prices £13.50, cons £8.50 (both including £1 booking fee). Go to www.greenwichtheatre.org.uk or call 020 8858 7755.

SCENE

GREENWICH Dance is hosting an alternative festive night out with three Christmas events this month.

It's presenting two spectacular shows from emerging hip-hop and circus companies, Just Us Dance Theatre and Silver Lining. The cabaret-style events feature table seating, a bar and an after show party. And for those who simply want to hit the dancefloor, there's a night of ballroom and swing social dancing this Saturday called The Ball.

Featuring live music from acclaimed American jazz singer Kai Hoffman and her vintage jive band Kai's Cats, The Ball is followed by a DJ late into the night.

The weekend fun begins this Friday on December 5 with Just Us Dance Theatre's New Beginnings Chapter II. Bringing together a stellar line-up of emerging artists influenced by hip-hop culture, the evening is a theatrical experience combining hip-hop with contemporary dance, spoken word and DJing.

Graduates from the National Centre for Circus Arts come together in Silver Lining on Saturday December 13 in an ensemble production. Brimming with the freshest and most exciting talent on the British circus scene, Silver Lining is a collective of acrobats, aerialists and jugglers who balance, hang, sing, fly, catch, spin and throw their way through a fast-paced, feel-good and explosive new show.

A matinee performance at 3.30pm offers a festive treat for families looking for an alternative to the traditional pantomime, and the evening performance will delight adults in equal measure.

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Saturday December 6, 10am-2pm - Christmas craft fair with unique handmade items Santa's Grotto, activity tables, face painting and raffle. Raising money for Charlton Park Academy and the Tiger ward, the children's oncology ward, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Find us on Facebook: December Christmas Craft Fair at Charlton Park Academy

Cabaret Christmas

Greenwich Dances hosts alternatives to the festive night out



HAVING A BALL: Kai's Cats, below left, Silver Lining and right, Just us Dance Theatre

Kat Bridge, artistic director at Greenwich Dance said: "If you're looking for something different and really special to do with family, friends or workmates this Christmas, come and join us at The Borough Hall. Dress to impress for a night of vintage glamour at The Ball, and try out your best Strictly Come Dancing moves. Or be entertained by the UK's most exciting young hip hop and circus artists, in a relaxed cabaret atmosphere. With table service, bar open throughout

and a party after the show, it's a great night out as well as an awe-inspiring show!"

For more information and tickets visit www.greenwichdance.org.uk or call 020 8293 9741.



DAGGERS DRAWN: Robin cast members in rehearsal

Festive family stage musical

JOIN Robin Hood's band of merry men for a thrilling tale which will take you to a magical forest filled with live music, vile villains and exhilarating adventure at The Tramshed Woolwich.

Sats & Suns December 6-21. Tickets from £7.
More info: www.glypt.co.uk or 020 8854 1316.

Swingalong sing-a-long

AUDIENCE participation is a must at the Bob Hope theatre this weekend when they'll be asked to join in a festive sing song. Shane Hampsheir and his band take to the stage for a Christmas Swingalong performing iconic songs from the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr.

Shows are at 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Sunday December 7. Tickets £12.50. Locals can also start to make bookings for the theatre's pantomime spectacular. Beauty and the Beast runs from December 28 until January 24 with matinee, afternoon and early evening performances. Tickets are £8-£10 with group discounts available.

For tickets and further information call 020 8850 3702 or visit www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk

WHAT'S ON

SHREWSBURY HOUSE

Shrewsbury House Community Centre, in Bushmoor Crescent, is holding its annual Craft Fair on Sunday December 7 from 11am-4pm. Featuring handmade crafts, chutneys and jams, two sessions of the Wiggly Wild Show for children, Father Christmas and Teddy Tombola.

GREENWICH HERITAGE CENTRE

December 20 - Merry Museum Makes, 10am-12pm and 2-4pm, free drop in arts sessions for children and their families.

GREENWICH DANCE

The Borough Hall, Royal Hill
December 5, 7.30pm - Just Us Dance Theatre: New Beginnings Chapter II. A theatrical experience combining hip-hop with contemporary dance, spoken word and DJing. £12 / £9 concessions,
December 6, 8pm - The Ball, a night of ballroom and swing £18/15 concs
December 13, 3.30pm and 7.30pm - Silver Lining. Bookings on: 020 8293 9741 or www.greenwichdance.org.uk

ALEXANDER MCLEOD SCHOOL

December 6, 12pm-3pm. Alexander McLeod primary school, Christmas fayre Fuchsia Street, SE2 OQS. Pony rides, Santa's grotto stalls. Free entry.

BOB HOPE THEATRE

Wythfield Road. December 7, 2.30pm and 7.30pm - Shane Hampsheir's Christmas Swingalong.
December 28-January 24 2015 - Beauty and the Beast. Tickets £8-£10, group discounts. Tel 020 8850 3702 or visit www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk

WOOLWICH

December 6&7 - Circus Festival fundraiser by Hangar Arts, 1pm and 6.30pm - Hangar Arts Trust, 7A Mellish House, Harrington Way. Details at www.greenwichcircusfestival.org info@[greenwichcircusfestival.org](http://www.greenwichcircusfestival.org)

MOTTINGHAM

Sunday December 7, 1.30-3.30pm. The Tarn, Court Road, xmas sing-a-long. Visit www.thetarn.org



ANGEL Faces is the theme of this year's Advent Windows display in Greenwich Town centre. The first of 24 windows was due to be revealed yesterday at the start of a unique month-long exhibition organised by St Alfege Church. The windows have become a much-loved Greenwich tradition over the last eight years. This year displays are being set up by local shops, schools, attractions and residents - each creating a unique window. Artists have use a variety of media including paper art, models, flowers and paintings. Viewers can visit an opening each day of advent or take a stroll around all 24 between Christmas and New Year to burn off those mince pies! Windows will be on display until January 2 2015. Visit www.adventwindows.com for more details and this year's map or pop into St Alfege Church, Tourist Information Centre or West Greenwich Library for a printed map.



A POSTER campaign launched last month aims to encourage parents to take up the opportunity of free early years learning for two-year-old children. Called Together for Twos, the scheme enables families whose low income makes them eligible for certain benefits to apply for 15 hours of free childcare a week.

If eligible, families can take advantage of one of the approved childminders, nurseries or Children's Centres operating in the borough. Residents can look out for the posters on local buses and in libraries, Children's Centres and other community venues.

Cllr John Fahy, cabinet member for children's services, who joined parents at Cardwell Children's Centre in Woolwich to launch the posters, said: "Early years learning offers

young children so many benefits, through the opportunity to interact with other children, and through having the chance to try new activities. Together for Twos offers parents a fantastic opportunity to give their children access to exciting places to play. It also gives them the scope to choose between a local nursery, Children's Centre or registered childminder."

● Visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/free-early-learning or contact the Families Information and Outreach Service on 020 8921 6921 or fis@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is given that LEDCHUMANAN SIVAPIRACHANDRAN has applied for the VARIATION of a Premises Licence for the following premises:

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A record of the application may be inspected by appointment.

Interested parties may make representations to the Royal Borough of Greenwich on this application by no later than 22nd December 2014. Representations can be made in writing, by email or fax to The Licensing Team, 4th Floor, Woolwich Centre, 35 Wellington Street, London SE18 6HQ. Tel: 020 8921 8018, Fax: 020 8921 8380, Email: licensing@royalgreenwich.gov.uk. Representations can only be made on the grounds of one of the four licensing objectives, namely:

- Protection of children from harm
- Public nuisance
- Prevention of crime and disorder
- Public safety

Any person who makes a false statement in connection with an application is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

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IN COLLABORATION WITH

Support Staff Vacancies

Due to our ongoing collaboration and rise in pupil numbers across our school sites, we are seeking to appoint teaching assistants and learning support assistants who:

- have excellent personal and social skills
- are dedicated and enthusiastic about supporting pupils, with a range of abilities including SEN
- are organised, motivational and flexible
- have good literacy and numeracy skills

We can offer:

- a friendly staff team
- a commitment to continuing professional development
- a supportive, Christian ethos across our school communities

St. Mary Magdalene (a 2 fe outstanding school in Woolwich) leads a collaboration with Christ Church school in East Greenwich. From February 2015 there will be an additional 2 fe primary school built on Greenwich Peninsula called St. Mary Magdalene Peninsula site. We are looking for several support staff for each school site, to start in January 2015.

Salary: ATP and C Scale 2, point 10-13 (depending on experience)
Term time and INSET days only

Informal visits to both schools are encouraged and welcomed.

Please telephone either school to arrange a visit.

Application packs available from either St. Mary Magdalene school or Christ Church by providing an A4 S.A.E (£1.08) or on the Christ Church website (www.christchurchgreenwichprimary.co.uk)

We are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people. All postholders are subject to a satisfactory DBS and references.

Closing Date: Friday 12th December (Noon)

Interviews: Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December

Starting date: January 2015

ROBERT OWEN EARLY YEARS CENTRE

43 COMMERELL STREET, GREENWICH SE10 0EA
TEL : 020 8858 0529

Our well established vibrant Nursery School and Children's Centre, open 8.00am to 6.00pm, 48 weeks a year, is seeking to appoint staff who are passionate about working with young children and have a clear understanding of their needs and development. Starting as soon as possible, you will join a large enthusiastic multi-professional staff group.

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Scale 3 £16,002 per annum including LW, pro rata.

Closing date: 12 noon Monday 1st December 2014

Bank Staff Vacancies

We are recruiting staff to work on a casual basis to assist in the Centre and work in our crèche. Minimum Level 2 qualification in Childcare (or equivalent) is essential.

£9.15ph - £9.52ph depending on experience

Successful candidates will be subject to a DBS and other pre-employment checks including health under the school's safeguarding policy. References will be obtained prior to interviews.

N.B. Please be aware that bank positions are employed on an as and when required basis.

For an application form, further details or to visit the Centre please contact Jeanette Harding, Office Manager or Email: info@robertowen.greenwich.sch.uk

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People on the Housing register are able to bid for all properties, regardless of their banding. You must be eligible for the size of property and bids will be considered in the following order:

First Band A, followed by Band B both in priority date order.
Those in Band C will then be considered in registration date order.

Please note that there will still be some properties with age restrictions so only people of this age group can apply for these.

BAND

- A** is for applicants in unsatisfactory housing, including people moving due to demolition and those underoccupying their homes.
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- C** is for all applicants on the housing register, including those that are in priority bands A and B.

How do I apply?

1

Get on the list

First, you've got to be on the housing waiting list to join the scheme. If you're not, register an application on line at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk

2

Find your applicant number

It will be on the letter you've already had from the Royal Borough of Greenwich about the new scheme. You'll need that number and the reference number of the property you're after, which will be on the advert.

3

Pick out your ideal property

by looking in *Greenwich Time* or regularly checking the website:

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

Click on your preference on the website. If you don't have a computer, you can always use one for free at either The Eltham or Woolwich Centre or a local library.

4

Apply in one of three ways

- Text bidding is now available and the number to use is 07786207913. For further information please see page 2, or
- Phone the 24-hour hotline 020 8921 4340. It's an automatic push-button system and calls will be charged at the normal local rate, or
- Via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/homes

The next edition of GreenwichHomes will be available on **Wednesday 10 December 2014 at midday**. Closing date for all applications for this issue is midnight on **Sunday 7 December 2014**.

24-hour hotline

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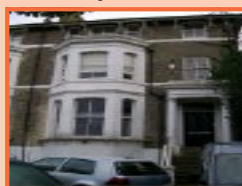
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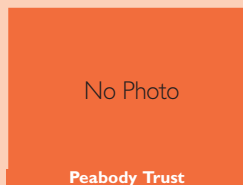
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Royal Borough of Greenwich's Choice Based Lettings Scheme

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ROYAL BOROUGH TENANTS WHO ARE MOVING

DON'T GET A BILL AFTER YOU LEAVE

Under the conditions of your tenancy agreement, you have a responsibility to leave your property in an acceptable state of repair. We may visit you to check this. If we consider your property is in an unacceptable condition, you may be prevented from moving or be recharged for work.

To avoid getting an unwelcome bill, follow these rules:

- Repair any damage caused to the property by you, your family or visitors to your home.
- Make good any changes you have made to your property e.g. put back any doors that you have removed.
- Make sure your garden is not overgrown and you have cleared all garden waste.
- Clear all your items from the inside and the outside of the property. This includes any loft space, external cupboards or sheds.
- Return all the keys to the Royal Borough's offices no later than midday on Monday (or Tuesday if it is a Bank Holiday). You will be charged a further week's rent if you do not return your keys on time.

If you leave repairs that are your responsibility, or items that require disposal you will be charged the cost of this work.

Special Collection Service

The Royal Borough offers a Special Collection Service for tenants who are moving and want to dispose of something big and bulky, like a sofa or a fridge, and even unwanted clothes and other textiles.

Simply contact Waste Services on 020 8921 4661 and tell them where you live and what you would like taken away.

Items we will collect include:

Fridges, freezers, washing machines, beds, sofas, clothes and carpets (carpets must be cut up and tied into manageable bundles that one person can carry).

Items we DO NOT collect include:

Fitted kitchens, bathroom suites, boilers, sheds, fences and rubble.

For further information, please contact Waste Services on **020 8921 4661**.

Please leave your home in a good condition!

This is what happened to the homes advertised in issue 417

Address	Bed-rooms	Property Type	No of Bids	Reg date of successful app	Band
Penfold House Wrotesley Road SE18 3RB	1	FLAT	536	17/12/2011	B
Kingsholm Gardens SE9 6LD	3	HOUSE	930	17/02/2014	A
Elmley Street SE18 7NL	1	FLAT	436	15/12/2009	C
Glyndon Road SE18 7NY	1	FLAT	392	16/12/2010	C
Cookhill Road SE2 9PD	1	FLAT	453	07/11/2014	B
Brent Road SE18 3DT	2	FLAT	377	17/12/2013	B
Hickin Close SE7 8SH	1	FLAT	584	14/12/2009	A
Caletock Way SE10 0HW	3	HOUSE	874	21/02/2011	A
Strandfield Close SE18 1LA	3	HOUSE	564	19/09/2006	C
Blithdale Road SE2 9HW	3	HOUSE	411	19/06/2014	B
Corelli Road SE3 8EL	1	FLAT	384	18/02/2014	B
Felixstowe Road SE2 9RG	2	FLAT	375	29/03/2010	B
Combe Mews SE3 7PU	2	FLAT	513	13/08/2013	B
Church Hill SE18 5NB	1	FLAT	537	05/04/2013	A
Barnfield Gardens SE18 3QZ	3	FLAT	315	16/04/2014	B
Thelma Gardens SE3 8ET	3	HOUSE	806	16/06/2011	B
Sowerby Close SE9 6HB	1	FLAT	408	05/10/1987	A
Shrewsbury Lane SE18 3JW	2	FLAT	454	17/08/2009	A
Harold Wilson House Arnott Close Thamesmead SE28 8BD	1	FLAT	248	14/02/2011	C

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For information or assistance

Contact our Allocations Team
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A guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

Mike Ross - Chief Planning Officer

Library: Woodwich Public Library, Woodwich Centre, 21 Lane Lane, Woodwich, SE18 6QJ
 Conservation Area: ROYAL ARSENAL WOODWICH
 Listed Building: Grade 2

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APPROPRIATION AND DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to appropriate for planning purposes an area of approximately 38,184 square metres of land at Kidbrooke, SE3 bounded by Kidbrooke Park Road to the west, Station Approach/Tudway Road to the north, Cambert Way to the east and Ryan Close to the south ("the Land"). The purpose of the appropriation is to allow the redevelopment of part of the former Ferrier Estate. The Land includes open space land.

NOTICE is also hereby given that subject to any objections received, the Royal Borough of Greenwich intends to dispose of the Land by way of transfer for the purposes of redeveloping part of the former Ferrier Estate for residential housing.

A plan identifying the location of the Land is available for inspection at the Council offices at Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ on any weekday during normal office hours.

Objections to the intended appropriation must be made in writing with reference 41127/KVPh3/App1 before 15/12/2014 and addressed to:

Mike Hows
 Assistant Director - Planning,
 Directorate of Regeneration Enterprise & Skills,
 Royal Borough of Greenwich,
 The Woolwich Centre
 Wellington Street
 London, SE18 6HQ

or email
mike.hows@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Dated 27 November 2014

Mike Hows
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Return completed application forms to: admin@eglinton.greenwich.sch.uk

The appointed candidate will be subject to a DBS and other pre-employment checks including health under the school's safeguarding policy. References will be obtained for shortlisted applicants prior to interviews.

Closing date for all Applications:
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Fitness gets a facelift

by Simon Banks

GREENWICH leisure centres are giving users more choice and diversity when it comes to fitness in the new year.

The move comes as part of the capital investment programme by the Royal Borough of Greenwich in partnership with GLL.

A lot has changed at the Waterfront Leisure Centre in Woolwich and the Thamesmere Leisure Centre in Thamesmead this year. The Waterfront has a newlook reception area and the riverfront side of the building has been converted into a new functional fitness area.

The new functional fitness area consists of the latest state of the art equipment for body weight fitness, giving users more choice when it comes down to planning their fitness regimes and a new cycling area.

The new space will also provide more opportunities for fitness classes to take place, including more cycling classes in particular as the brand new cycling facility has been engineered to replicate a racing peloton so that classes can be taken to another level.

Sam Wright, general manager at the Waterfront Leisure Centre, said: "The former river front bar has been transformed into the functional fitness area, it is an innovative and state of the art area that will give the community more choice and diversity when approaching fitness and we

hope in the new year when it opens, it will be a popular area with the community."

The new functional fitness area at the back of the Waterfront building will be open to the public in January and will help the leisure centre cope with high volumes of gym users.

Thamesmere Leisure Centre has already seen big changes implemented this year including a new library and changing rooms. The leisure centre's pool is now set for refurbishment, with work set to begin on December 15. It reopens to the public in the new year from January 5.

Cllr Miranda Williams, cabinet member for culture and creative industries got to grips with all the new changes at the leisure centres last week. Cllr Williams said: "The redevelopment is part of the borough's commitment to giving more choice to people when it comes down to fitness, the changes will offer much more to the community and make a real difference to people's lifestyles."

● If you are interested in using any of the newly refurbished areas, but are not a member, please contact 020 8317 5010 or waterfront@gll.org to book an appointment.



GETTING BETTER: Waterfront Leisure Centre general manager, Sam Wright helps Cllr Miranda Williams get to grips with the new facility, main and top right



CHANGING SPACES: L-R Garry Parker, Cllr Williams and Jon Preston visit Thamesmere and right, the leisure centre's new library space



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